present the total average monthly demand for LPG cylinders in Assam is approximately 2·77 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Selection of areas for location of oil and gas in Assam

573. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some areas in Assam have been selected by Oil India Limited for location of oil and gas there; and

(b) if so, what are the districtwise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) Oil India Limited holds Petroleum Exploration Licences in Assam for exploration of hydrocarbons for areas mentioned below :

District	*Area*
Dibrugarh	Tinsukia
	Dibrugarh
	Margherita
	Borhat
	Dum Duma Extension
	Moran Extension
Sibsagarh	Moran Extension
	Dum Duma Extension
	Borhat
Lakhimpur	Murkongselek

Oil refineries in West Bengal

574. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up oil refineries in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Multinational Oil Corporations collaboration with ONGC and IOC

575. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of the foreign multinational oil corporations which are presently being allowed to sign collaboration agreements with ONGC and IOC Limited and

(b) what are the terms and conditions of these collaboration agreements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) No colloboration agreements have been signed by ONGC and IOC Limited with foreign multinational oil companies. However, production sharing contracts for oil exploration in nine offshore blocks have been signed with foreign oil exploration companies.